

## Gloria's house, say Lubao folk

By Terence Ortop  
Regular Columnist

LI BAO, PAMPUNGA—“BAE EN GLORIA” (House of Gloria).  
A new-story house owned by a tall wooden gate at the side of the centuries-old San Agustin Church in Pangasinan. It is Gloria's house.



**HER HOUSE** The townsmen of President Macapagal-Arroyo refer to this new-story structure in Barangay San Nicolas I, Lubao, Pangasinan, as “House of Gloria” (House of Gloria). It's where she sleeps when she's in town, says her spokesperson Loretta Rajada.

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**Obama marks one year in White House but he's in no mood to party**

WASHINGTON—One year since Barack Obama was elected America's first black president except to power on a promise of change, but it will be just another day for the US leader as he begins his second year in the White House.

On Nov. 4, 2008, Obama was elected by a narrow margin to his victory speech in a Chicago park after beating Rep. McCain.

OBAMA MARKS ONE

# Angry MILF slams Puno

## Joker backs Palace oil price freeze

By Michael Lim Ulloa  
and Gil Cabacungan Jr.

MALACANANG IS JUST DOING ITS JOB.

Sen. Joker Arroyo yesterday took the critics for Malacanang under both sides from oil firms and big business groups to lift the price cap on fuel oil prices imposed by President Macapagal-Arroyo last month.

“Take the loss, share the loss during emergency,” Sen. Joker Arroyo said, referring to the oil firms.

It is the height of indifference for

## BIR asked: How do you collect tax on poll funds?

By Diana Z. Peralta,  
Leila B. Salazar  
and Christian K. Espinosa

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTRICITY (ComELEC) yesterday said the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) can implement its proposed 5-percent tax on campaign contributions and spending if there are no objections in the place.

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**“GLOBAL WARMING”** International beauty queens cover their heads with bags and placards on global warming when it suddenly rained on their parade at the presentation of the Miss Earth contestants to the media at Mothers Garden, Beverly Street, Vito Norte 4, Pasig, on Wednesday.

AP/WIDEWORLD

## Boycotts mar climate talks in US and Spain

BOYCOTTS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE Atlantic on Tuesday showed just how difficult it will be to reach an agreement on global warming soon enough.

At US climate talks in Barcelona, Spain, African nations walked out of meetings to protest rich nations' reluctance to make substantial carbon-cutting commitments.

In Madrid, some conservative Republicans boycotted the start of

climate debate as a bill to curb greenhouse gases, fearful of the cost to the US economy.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, in a bid to support the Barcelona-sponsored climate bill, held a rare joint session of Congress “there is no time to lose” in making climate change.

But the lawmakers' response to her comments on global warming is in contrast to the optimism she received at

other times—only underscored the skeptical mood in the United States about climate action, which would require a shift away from fossil fuels to wind and solar power, nuclear coal and—the Republicans argue—more expensive to construct.

Republican senators on the chair's environment and public works committee sketched the planned mar-

## Kidnap rap ‘cheap propaganda’

By Ryan G. Rosendo and John S. Alipala  
Regular Columnists  
and TV Burglar in Manila

PAGADIAN CITY—THE CLAIM of Interior Secretary Raula-do Puno that the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) had a hand in the abduction of Fr. Michael Simant is “cheap propaganda” and an affront to the peace process, the separatist group said yesterday.

In a statement posted on its website, the MILF accused Puno and Defense Secretary Gilbert Troncoso of constantly “sneaking in to the back.” It said this was frustrating its effort to recover the truth necessary “for the sake of justice, humanism, goodwill and friendship.”

The MILF said it was posing “very special attention” to the “heavily laid kidnapping business” of the personal appeal released to it by both Ambassador Richard O'Brien during a meeting with its leaders last month in Camp Diarrhoea, Maguindanao.

ARMY 40

## Just call me Fr. Soc, says new Dagupan archbishop

By Gabriel Cardenas  
and Yolanda Soriano  
Regular Columnists

DAGUPAN CITY—JUST CALL HIM Father Soc.

Societas Vilgona, a protégé of the late Jaime Cardinal Sin, was installed yesterday as the 18th archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan, declaring that the people of Dagupan are the “salt of the earth” on a mission of social and spiritual renewal.

The 48-year-old Vilgona replaced Archbishop Oscar Cruz, an outspoken critic of the Arroyo administration, whose resignation was accepted on Sept. 8 by Pope Benedict XVI.

“We are the salt of the earth, the Lord said to us in the Gospel. Frangiscan was named when ‘young men’ (others said in track). We refer to the Catholic Church in Lingayen-Dagupan.”

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**SALT OF THE EARTH**  
Archbishop  
Vilgona, backed by  
Archbishop  
Cardenas  
Cardinal Sinant  
(left) and  
Cardinal  
Ricardo Cardinal  
Vilgona, calls for  
social and spiritual  
transformation as  
his installation as  
head of the  
Catholic Church  
archdiocese of  
Lingayen and  
Dagupan.

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*Read to your kids but don't talk like Kris*

By Philip C. Tabara

READ TO YOUR KIDS, BUT BE SURE not to sound like showbiz personality Kris Aquino when she's talking colloquial talk to a mix of Filipino and English.

Organizers and participants of the First Philippine Summit on Early Childhood Education yesterday called on parents to “read aloud” to children, even when they are still in the womb.

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#### WEATHER FORECAST

**RECENT** Northern Telecom's *Shifting Layers* and *Voices* are good examples of worthy finalists. The other more solid if less flashy candidates are, among others, *Wired* and *No Limits* (which are no longer finalists).

<b>Steve Martin</b>	Comedy with music	<b>Orville's Reunion</b>	Comedy with music
<b>Supergirl</b>	Comedy with music	<b>Shogun</b>	Comedy with music
<b>Superman</b>	Action	<b>Spider-Man</b>	Comedy with music
<b>Swing</b>	Musical with music	<b>Thunder</b>	Action
<b>Swing Time</b>	Comedy with music	<b>Mr. Smith</b>	Comedy with music
<b>Tammy</b>	Comedy with music	<b>Thunder</b>	Comedy with music
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## Climate change adaptation & mitigation NOW!

**PRO-CLIMATE BEAUTIES** Candidates for Miss Earth pose during a press presentation at Hockney Garden (Barroby, Somerset) in Vale Woods 4 in Pong City.

## Gang member is mayor's kin

By Mark A. Sweeney

ONE OF THE ALLEGED BOMBERS WHO topped the brown smelly bomb in a fancy watch shop in Manila City was a cousin of Ramon Miralles, Progressive Mayor Leonides Saldaña II, the Philippine National Police disclosed yesterday.

He said the information about Japan's connection with the military group was supported by another source, Martin Rodriguez, who used his cell phone to contact an American.

Aside from admitting that they had worked as security guards at Meyerhof, Wieris told Sengul and Wicks that he refused to be a member of the group, as named after its leader, Steve Thors.

Martin said although the suspect had  
with the mayor was not enough to conclude  
but he dismissed the windstorm speculation.

Martin said Joyce was identified by arrested suspect Dennis Venupulis as sitting the 11 members of the Irish Floral Group who took part in the unanimous break-in in Greenbelt 2 on Oct. 11.

"These men were under his employ. It's very unfortunate for him to get the version of you he did not know," he said.

## Heroin shipment foiled, mule rescued

By Matthew Simmons

WITH THE RECENT successful arrest of various drug cartels, international drug traffickers are now resorting to abducting individuals who are then forced to work as drug mules, according to police officials.



REYNOLDS (Japan) Britain's holds the capsule of heroin which he was forced to swallow after he was abducted by an international drug syndicate. [www.fox.com](http://www.fox.com)

This new mission was announced this week when the Criminal Investigations and Detection Group arrested *Amor-Eladrado*, 22, from one drug trafficking suspect who was set to fly him to Mexico after having him in custody since his arrest with heroin.

"I believe the PFP has broken the backbone of another international drug supplier," said Detective Sergeant, PFP Deputy Chief for Operations.

Police stopped a taxi carrying the driver near to Plaza Cayo-Morales following a tip-off from the police.

Orellana, who had worked briefly in Mexico, told police he was a traveling musician and was not being treated as a suspect, authorities said.

Ordinary said he and his wife were walking along Beacon Street in Ball's Bluff, Omaha, on their way to the Quigley Church last Sunday, when they were stopped by a man.

He said the toxic blood-billed terns and track bird on an unharmed place in Quinsu.

pair colored him to swallow 16 plastic tubes the size of 12-gauge

abruptly features.

"They treated me as children, the others with some soft drink. They warned me something bad would happen to me if I did not comply," he said.

The company says the 11 grains of 115-grain bullets contained high-grade boron worth \$77,000 each, but says total exposure.

Actions said Ordinance's supposed submitters, Juan Guzmán and Ricardo Arce, did not exist.

He said the suspects, who were armed with six similar plastic tubes, are believed to be part of an international drug syndicate that smuggles

"This only proves that the Philippines is being used as a transacting

...point of equilibrium, as enough legal drugs to China and other Asian countries," Berkowitz said.

and drugs in Malaysia. **PHILIP JAY**

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#### 4 Abus killed

**ZACHRYMANILA CITY**  
*(Bioscience, Technology)*

Abu Nayyal, founder of the group, was killed in an encounter with Indian soldiers and government forces in Hindi Mahomed Ahd town in Badli at dawn on Tuesday.

1916. Even, Kapur, Grew, and a civilian volunteer was wounded in the 20-minute clash in the village of Badli.

After the earthquake, government groups encouraged an 80% increase in...

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## An Appeal to President Gloria Macapagal - Arroyo to lift EO - 839

Dear Madame President,

We are one with you in wanting to help the victims of typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng. We believe, however, that freezing the prices of fuels throughout the entire island of Luzon to help the typhoon victims, found only in several provinces in the North and in some areas of Metro Manila and outlying provinces, carries disastrous short- and long-term risks for the whole country, including eventually the very people we want to help.

The imminent danger to the economy, business, and employment from freezing fuel prices far outweighs the intended benefits. A weakened oil sector, forced to sell at a loss, cannot continue to play its strategic role as the government's partner in the nation's growth and in ensuring an adequate level of supply given the instability of world prices of crude oil and petroleum products.

When we state the resulting supply shortages that will occur as a result of Executive Order (EO) 839, it is not intended to blackmail government nor to sabotage the economy but simply to advise what the consequences of EO 839 will be.

Our industry has been accused of not being transparent and not wanting to open our books. This is farthest from the truth.

- Our books have always been open to the public because we regularly submit our financial statements to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Anyone who wants to scrutinize our books can simply go to the SEC.
- The Department of Energy (DOE) has also formed independent commissions to audit our books, namely, the 2005 Alindada commission and the 2008 SGV/University of Asia and the Pacific commission. Both commissions did not find evidence of cartelization or overpricing. In fact the Alindada Commission concluded that the average industry returns from 1998 to 2004 was at 3%, which was well below the treasury bill rate of 7% at that time.
- What we have resisted is for the Commission on Audit to open our books, as it is not in their mandate to audit private companies. The Department of Justice has upheld this position.

As for transparency, we regularly submit voluminous trade information to the DOE, who religiously monitor our prices and compare it with international prices, i.e. Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS). Anyone who subscribes to MOPS can compare our prices and do a landed cost computation. For the period October 9-13, the average Singapore MOPS for Diesel was \$85.03 per barrel (FOB). To convert this FOB price to Pesos per liter, one simply multiplies it by the forex rate (P 47.47 per USD at that time) and divides by 159 liters per barrel. Then add 3% duty and 12% VAT which will result in a price of P 29.29 per liter. Please note this does not include sea freight to the Philippines, insurance, storage and handling, delivery to the stations, dealer's and oil company margins and miscellaneous charges. Yet we are being asked to sell at P 28 per liter or below, which were the prices prevailing during 15th October 2009.

Madame President, we humbly request that you allow us to discuss these matters with you and to explain our side and how we can better assist those who are really in need of support, without damaging the economy and driving away investors.

We know that everyone wants low prices and this is a popular move for now. But you have always said that your objective is not to be popular but to do what is good and right for the country. All of us have responded to your call to assist and have been responsible corporate citizens and we are prepared to do more. Please allow us to sit down and discuss with you, so that you may consider recalling EO 839.

We strongly urge you to consider our request so that we can all move forward and focus on our core priorities of nation building and the rehabilitation of the areas affected by the typhoons.

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# Bishops on aerial spraying: Immoral

DAVAO CITY—IMMORAL.

This was the force of the highest-ranking leaders of the Catholic Church described aerial spraying in banana plantations as a human rights violation in a letter demanding a stop to the practice.

The letter, addressed to the Philippine Bishops' Conference and Executive Secretariat (PBCE), said aerial spraying was immoral, aerial spraying "violates upon human fundamental rights."

"We are one with all affected people in condemning the use of aerial spraying in banana plantations," said the letter, signed by Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, Auxiliary Bishops Roberto Cortes and Cebu Archbishop Sergio Velasco.

"We cannot allow them not being to go any longer."

"We appeal to the government and residents of the banana areas to respect the dignity of life and the integrity of creation and avoid the use of aerial spraying," said the letter addressed to Stephen Aquino, PBCE executive director.

The letter also urged the government to take the occasion to socially responsible corporate citizens, as in other cases, and not allow spraying for public health and social justice," added "The



PLANE used for aerial spraying are parked in the hangar of a banana plantation in Davao City. (Philippines was taken December 11, 2007)

not do to others what you would not like to be done to you."

"Please look that every child, adolescent and young citizens of the parents of the poor banana communities who raised long before your plantations opened," the letter said.

The bishops, through the letter, said should the appeal be heeded, the Church leaders will not push

through with "bringing in the millions of your international money for the citizens of poor banana who have been exterminated by your aerial spraying machine."

The bishops' letter had condemned the introduction of banana plantations of Davao City to the use of aerial spraying during the day in Manila.

The group stated in Davao City where it successfully lobbied for an ordinance banning aerial spraying.

However, it wasn't successful in its bid for an ordinance with the Provincial Board of Davao City.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency said the ban was not by aerial spray.



COPY of the strongly-worded letter of four members of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, including Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales.

ing of pesticides reaches 3.2 km. As least 200,000 people in Davao City, the most heavily populated valley and Davao City live in communities where the effects of aerial spraying are acute.

Agility M. Pappa, Davao City Mayor.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### TAUGH CITY

**NPA storms Cagay post**  
NPA PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) stormed a police post in Cagay, Isabela, on Monday, killing two police officers and wounding several others.

The rebels targeted a police post in Cagay, Isabela, on Monday, killing two police officers and wounding several others.

### ILAGA, ILOILO

**38 fishermen rescued**  
ILAGA, ILOILO—Thirty-eight fishermen were rescued off the coast of Iloilo on Monday, after being held captive by NPA forces.

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### UNLICENSED GUNS SEIZED

**THE DELIVERY** of a large number of unlicensed firearms was seized in a police operation in Manila on Monday.

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### 2 slain in highway attack

**TWO** people were killed and another was injured in a highway attack in Iloilo on Monday.

The attack occurred on a highway in Iloilo on Monday, resulting in two deaths and one injury.

# Ritual sets off 148-km march vs Laiban Dam

**LUZON CITY**—A RITUAL SET OFF A 148-KILOMETER MARCH that will take place in Luzon City, Iloilo, on Monday, to protest the proposed Laiban Dam project.

The march is part of a ritual to protest the proposed Laiban Dam project.

Young and old members of the tribe joined the march, the oldest being a 90-year-old tribal leader and his wife.

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**'I call on our national and local officials to join our people to stop this Dam project'**

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# 'Santi' leaves no dry spot in Laguna capital town

**CON, CRICK, LAGUNA**—THESE DAYS AFTER a heavy rain, the streets of Santa Cruz, Laguna, are a mess.

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**River overflowed**  
The river overflowed its banks, causing damage to the surrounding area.

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**Bridge destroyed**  
A bridge was destroyed by the floodwaters, cutting off the road.

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The local government is working on the maintenance of the roads.

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## Ronnie Puno tells the truth

AS THIS DIFFIDENTIAL BEAT WITNESSED, along, the show, former Liberator from (MLP) was behind the kidnapping of last year Michael Sison in Pampanga. It's a good thing that the former frontman revealed that the government's involvement with the MLP in the efforts to exact Sison was a sham. There probably won't be larger acts of the kind, and if he continued to tell the truth, other government officials on the front lines might get off. The truth is the Puno told the truth.

While Sison's 28 still be out on the release of a collection of the former of Sison's former. Puno told the truth that he had been in the front lines. "I had advised to stop [the] Sison's."

If all officials in the Arroyo administration have Sison's kind of honesty, there would be no one left to sue the law.

But then, the possibility of someone following Sison's example, bringing out of the front line not performing to put a very serious.

The No. 1 homicide chief of state is President Gloria herself. She has not only signed on as president despite being found out to have cheated in the 2001 election, the same woman is told on in power for running her Congress in her hometown of Iloilo, Pampanga.

The good news is the Association College failed to sue the attorney and lawyer.

Actually, Sison's resigned because he didn't like the head of a private collection agency based in Manila looking over his shoulder according to some sources.

The head of that collection agency is the husband of a close ally of President Gloria.

If all officials by the FBI were covered

## ON TARGET

RANNEY Zafra

It is to officials and employees, the government's revenue collection agency would always tend to justify itself, always, to mean how high the oil barrel is.

A IRS leader estimates that only 40 percent of the agency's revenue actually goes to government coffers. The rest—60 percent—ends up in the pockets of most officials and employees.

And that's only a conservative estimate, according to his source in the agency. The rough numbers would go to 80-90 percent for the agency's revenue, and 20 percent for the government.

My IRS guy said that if the agency's revenue collection was all turned over to the government, there would have been no need to pay the Expanded Value Added Tax (EVAT) that imposed a 12 percent tax on all purchases and services.

A brother of a high government official who used to be a public servant himself allegedly brought a huge sum home to his family for EVAT.

Maybe the reason is without him, but then you know people he is looking for the money?

The guy earned billions of pesos from some private business when he was still in government.

I want to be the Manila Star: Click a couple of months ago and a business partner told me to see a friend that the guy brought from a multi-millionaire.

From the side of the pocket, it must mean that the guy is not a multi-millionaire.

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# Driver who pointed gun at TV newscaster charged

By Henry C. Carvallo

CHARGES WERE FILED YESTERDAY against a man who allegedly pointed a gun at 405-CPT newscaster Gerald Gomez and her news partner during a traffic altercation on Quezon City's Monday.

Det. Lino Ramos, head of the Quezon City Police Division's Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit said that Gomez, 36, a resident of Quezon City, was charged with pointing a gun at Gomez and her news partner during a traffic altercation on Quezon City's Monday.

In a complaint filed with the police, Gomez said that she was on her way home on Monday afternoon when she encountered Ramos. Ramos was charged with pointing a gun at Gomez and her news partner during a traffic altercation on Quezon City's Monday.

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she (Det. Ramos) of the Philippine National Police, Detention Unit, said.

The license for his gun, however, expired in 2000.

Philippine National Police General Antonio Ramos, meanwhile, ordered the arrest of all gun owners living in Quezon City and the confiscation of all of their firearms.

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## Cops, mall execs discuss security for Christmas

## Boy drowns in pool of QC sports complex

By Henry C. Carvallo

THE CHIEF OF THE SOUTHERN POLICE (COP) and the head of the Quezon City Police Division's Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit said that Gomez, 36, a resident of Quezon City, was charged with pointing a gun at Gomez and her news partner during a traffic altercation on Quezon City's Monday.

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The official said he expected a "70 to 80 percent" of the Christmas shopping to be done in the next few weeks.

The police and mall security would have to be doubled during the holiday season to monitor the big crowds in shopping centers across the Quezon Division.

The official said the SPO would give the mall officers a lecture on crime prevention and emergency response today.

"We will show and teach them what to look for when monitoring the mall's security, and what to do when they see something suspicious," Mantilla said.

On Nov. 1, Josemaria Joy Mantilla, 31, a resident of Quezon City, was charged with pointing a gun at Gomez and her news partner during a traffic altercation on Quezon City's Monday.

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Editor Lawrence H. White

## Republican wins deal double blow to Obama

WASHINGTON—REPUBLICANS inflicted a double blow on President Barack Obama's Democratic Party, winning gubernatorial races in two states that had backed him last year.

The Republican strategy on Tuesday in Virginia and New Jersey was a rebuff to Obama as he struggles to overhaul the U.S. health care system, win passage of climate change legislation, and build political support for his handling of the war in Afghanistan.

They could also be controversial for Democrats ahead of next year's mid-term elections, when a third of the Senate, all of the House of Representatives and most gubernatorial offices are up for election.

In Virginia, Bob McDonnell, a former conservative state attorney general, easily



**Governors-elect** Chris Christie of New Jersey (left) and Governor-elect Bob McDonnell of Virginia thank their supporters on Tuesday night.

Richard H. Cordell likely to become the state's first Republican governor in eight years. The state, once a Republican stronghold, had elected Democratic senators in 2006 and 2008. Last year, Obama was the first Democratic presidential candidate to win the state since 1964.

In the traditionally Democratic state of New Jersey, Republican Chris Christie, a former corruption-busting federal prosecutor, narrowly defeated Gov. Jon Corzine, a billionaire former Wall Street executive, by a margin of 49 percent to 45 percent. Independent candidate Chris Beggart had about 6 percent.

In both cases, independent voters who had been crucial to Obama's victory last year voted overwhelmingly for the Republican candidate.

Democrats took some solace by winning the closely watched special election for a Republican-held Senate seat in the 23rd congressional district in New York state that highlighted fissures between moderates and conservatives in Republican ranks.

Local issues and preconditions dominated

Still, exit polls showed more than four in 10 voters in Virginia switched their view of Obama favored into their choice. Those voters strongly split between, expressing support and opposition for the president. The Obama factor was similar in New Jersey, though there were slightly more voters who said the president did not factor into their choice. And

## WorldBriefs

#### Iranian police clash with protesters

**TWAIN, 1949:** Iranian security forces surround and beat gas canisters and government marches in Tehran on Wednesday during state-sanctioned rallies marking the 30th anniversary of the takeover of the United States Embassy. Witnesses said that security forces—mainly paramilitary units from the Revolutionary Guard—went through an opposition march in north Tehran, clubbing some protesters and taking and dragging others.

### Karrai can't fight corruption, says foe

**GEORGE ALBERTINI**—Algerian President Abdelkader Bouchara challenges in the next presidential election on Wednesday, insisting the current government would not be able to rein in corruption. For true change, *Magazine* columnist Abdelhak speaks a day after his French ally's election was killed in a rioting in southern inland provinces. Abdelhak said the Afghan government had squandered eight years of opportunity and the assistance of its Western allies by failing to stamp out corruption or establish institutions responsive to the Afghan people.

### Gay rights movement suffer defeat

**POST-1982, 1982-1991**—Voters in the southwestern state of Maine re-elected a state bar that would have allowed same-sex couples to wed, leading the gay rights movement (after breaking ties) in the course of the country's most supportive of gay marriage. Gay marriage has now lost in every single state—21 to 0—in which it has been put to a popular vote. Gay rights activists had hoped to build that trend.

**Maine**—Known for its modern, independent-minded electorate—and known as energetic, well-financed campaign.

**AP**

### Train stations use lights to stem suicides

**2017CJ 34905**—**Alameda** is a case to people pursuing the same desire to turn off the lights. Some Japanese railroad operators are installing several blue lights above station platforms so they hope will have a calming effect on indoor suicides. As for Shinkansen, East Japan Railway Co. has put five blue-emitting blue LED lights in all 28 stations on Tokyo's central mainline, the Yamanote Line, used by eight million passengers each day. There's no scientific proof that the lights actually reduce suicides, and some experts are skeptical but have any effect. But others say blue does have a calming effect on people.

### Sektor tycoon dead of apparent suicide

**DEAD, DUTY FREE** — The former chair of South Korea's United Congressmen, the Chaikin Group, was found dead in Wednesday in an apparent suicide, the latest in a string of high-profile South Koreans taking their own lives. "We presume Park Yung-uk killed himself and we are investigating the cause," said Cho Kuryou, an official at a police station near Park's home in Seoul where his body was found. Cho said a suicide note was found, though he gave no details.

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# BUSINESS

## RP gets 'good' prices at key rice tender

### Bids in despite 'difficult' terms



By Rita T. Obonada

DAVOS: IMPROVED DOMESTIC TERMS, the Philippines yesterday received 10 bids for its rice auction of 250,000 metric tons.

The world's largest importer got a total 100,000 tons offered for delivery between January and April 2010.

The price ranged from \$466.5 to \$600 a ton, including cost and freight.

Davos, an international bid, gave the lowest range of \$466.5 to \$476.32 a ton for 100,000 tons of rice.

NTD Food Corp. of Vietnam came in second with an offer of \$480 to \$487 for 100,000 tons of rice.

Foreign companies brought bid documents but only 10 submitted proposals, of which only six passed the eligibility and technical screenings.

Bidders (Davos) and VDA/DAF, which bids against other than Thai Rice Co. Ltd. of Thailand, LO International, Tiger International Asia Pte Ltd. of Singapore, and Asia Golden Rice of Thailand.

ISAM India Co. Ltd., Capital Goods Co. of Thailand, and JSCC Company Trading LLC were disqualified for various reasons.

ISB was looking to buy 250,000 tons of milled rice, 22 percent broken, at the lowest.

The auction was held in seven stages for the first quarter of 2010, when the shortage of rice is expected to be high.

However, Laidlaw & Co., deputy administrator of the National Rice Authority (NRA), declined to discuss the rice bid in detail, saying a formal announcement will have to be made following further review of bids.

Artes said that the prices at the tender were "good" and hopefully will hold until the end of this year.

Prices were very competitive, he said, given that India had already announced a tender for 50,000 metric tons.

Artes said the rice bid was "possible" if accompanied by the necessary commitment to rice and other commodities.

He said there was enough time for work on tender until the year if the commitment comes up with such a recommendation within the month.

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### SM Wins at Philippine Quill Awards

The SM Group recently won a Philippine Quill Award from the International Association of Business Communicators for its Serving Millions Campaign. The Philippine Quill Awards recognizes best practices and the highest level of achievement by communicators in thought leadership, technical skills, and sustainable solutions in their successful programs.

The winning campaign's success is anchored on how SM has directly touched and continues to be part of every Filipino's life everyday through its 50 years of existence. It highlighted the strong relationship of SM with its customers by turning facts into stories that tell the audience about the following: staggering and interesting figures; 21 million pairs of shoes bought from the department store; 300 million visits to SM malls; 50 shopping lists of choices that filled up customers' shopping carts; over a million umbrellas that kept the Filipino away from the rain to the thousands of children that SM Foundation has helped over the years.

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## Taiwan seen investing \$121M in key RP areas

By Abigail L. Ito

THE ANGLIA ECONOMIC AND Cultural Office, the country's representative office in Taiwan, reports US\$121 million in new Taiwanese investments in the Philippines.

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The group would not just be targeting large investments, however, he said.

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## Gov't closing in on sale of 103-ha FTI property

By Rosalyn K. Dizon

THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE final stages of the sale of a 103-hectare portion of the food terminal in the city of Manila.

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## Wang, P. H.

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